

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of XM Radio. I have had XM for about six months. I am an OTR truck owner/operator. I have been very satisfied with XM because it affords me the opportunity to listen to whatever channel I choose for as long as I choose to keep the dial set there. The fact that I can lock in a channel that can be transmitted continuously for the distances I travel is wonderful. There is NO DISTRACTION from my attention to driving because of having to channel surf to find a station that comes in clearly while I move from one area to the next.

I do not have cable or satellite T.V. at home because of spending 5 to 6 days a week on the road. XM radio affords me the opportunity to tune in The Weather Channel at home or on the road. This is a great help in incorporating weather factors into pre-planning my trips.

The Instant Weather & Traffic channels provide me with important information about conditions existing in metro. areas well in advance of being able to pick up the areas' local stations. This allows me to preplan my routes entering the metro. area to avoid traffic jams, road closures, or areas where severe weather is impeding traffic. It allows me to contact customers; in advance, if I am going to be delayed because of weather or traffic problems in their area.

I cannot stress enough how important XM Radio is in my line of business, both in providing entertainment AND vital info. for areas I am travelling to. Local stations cannot give me what XM programming can provide in a more timely fashion.

Please reject NAB's petition 04 - 160. As a consumer, I certainly reject it. The NAB would do better to work to improve their stations goods and services to the consumer. Then the consumer might choose to support their stations.
Sincerely, Mark D. Rybicki